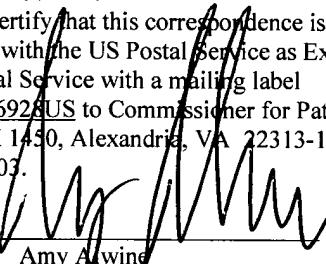


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of this application, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following Preliminary Amendment.

Amendment to Title of Invention begins on page 2 of this paper.

Specification Amendments begin on page 3 of this paper.

Claim Amendments are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

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AMENDMENT TO TITLE:

~~PAD TENSIONING METHOD AND SYSTEM IN A BI-DIRECTIONAL LINEAR POLISHER~~ ADVANCED BI-DIRECTIONAL LINEAR POLISHING SYSTEM AND METHOD